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AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:

Please ADD the following <u>new</u> paragraph before "BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION" of line 4 of column 1 of U.S. Patent No. 6,366,002:

The present application is the parent application of U.S. Patent Application No. 10/831,108, filed April 26, 2004, which is currently pending and is also a Reissue Application of U.S. Patent No. 6,366,002, issued August 31, 2000.